THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Draft of National Health Policy, 2001 has been prepared in consultation with Central Council for Health & Family Welfare which is the highest advisory body on health and family welfare having State Minister of Health, Family Welfare and Medical Education as members and various governmental and non-governmental organisation international funding agencies and eminent individuals. Comments received on the draft policy from Parliamentary Consultative Committee, Government Departments, States / UTs. Associations and Organisations, eminent individuals and public at large are being examined. Thereafter the draft shall be placed before the Cabinet for approval. Promotion of equity and larger resource notification are some of the instant objectives of the revised health policy which shall dwell upon all aspect related to health care including regulatory mechanisms for the private sector and health insurance.

Opening of Kargil Memorial Medical College in Delhi

38. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a Kargil Memorial Medcial College in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the project is being held up;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to start it?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (d) Government has decided to start a new Medical College at Safdarjung Hospital by the name Indrasprastha Medical College. The project is not held up. Necessary formalities to start admission to the college are being completed.

Financial Assistance for Government Medical Colleges

39. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to extend financial assistance to improve the condition of Government Medical Colleges in the country;